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#### **ANSI recognizes NCEES Model Law Engineer standard**

NCEES has been granted its first approved standard with the American National Standards Institute.

The standard, the Model Law Engineer (MLE), outlines the requirements for attaining licensure as a professional engineer. It is used by NCEES as a guideline for its member licensing boards, which grant licensure to engineers and surveyors in all 50 states and several U.S. territories. Prior to being approved as a standard by the ANSI Board of Standards Review, the MLE was published on the NCEES home page and in ANSI's *Standards Review* and open to public comment. ANSI is the U.S. representative to the International Organization for Standardization (ISO).

"With the MLE now being an ANSI-recognized standard, NCEES is in an excellent position to promote licensure as the best way to ensure professional competence," said Jerry Carter, NCEES executive director. "We look forward to promoting the use of this standard across industry, government, and academia. This will lead to greater uniformity in credentials and enhanced protection for the public."

The MLE standard describes the minimum criteria for licensure as a professional engineer. The criteria are divided into education, professional experience, and examinations.

The full text of the MLE standard can be downloaded at

[www.ncees.org/ncees\\_mle\\_standard.pdf](http://www.ncees.org/ncees_mle_standard.pdf).

#### **About NCEES**

NCEES is a national nonprofit organization composed of engineering and surveying licensing boards representing all U.S. states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. An accredited standards developer with the American National Standards Institute, NCEES develops, scores, and administers the examinations used for engineering and surveying licensure throughout the United States. NCEES also provides services facilitating professional mobility for licensed engineers and surveyors. Its headquarters is located in Clemson, S.C.

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